

SANDY SPRINGS

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the Judges

The Honorable
James M. Anderson III, *Chief Judge*

The Honorable
Lawrence D. Young, *Associate Judge*

Wendell Willard, *City Attorney*

city Clerk

Our Official Record Keeper

The City Clerk is the official record keeper for the City and is appointed by the Mayor and City Council. Responsibilities include recording and maintaining the Council's official actions in minutes, coordinating and distributing the agenda, maintaining contracts, ordinances, resolutions and agreements and coordinating the records management and retention program for the City.

The City Clerk attests signatures of Mayor and Council and is the official keeper of the City seal and affixes its impression on documents whenever required. The City Clerk oversees the adoption and publishing of the Code of Ordinances.

The City Clerk also serves as the Registrar and official Absentee Ballot Clerk during city elections and helps to ensure that all open record requests are in accordance to the Open Records Act.

Jeanette Marchiafava is the clerk of the Mayor and Council and Christina Rowland is the assistant City clerk.

Greetings!

Our city is three months old, and it is a pleasure to report substantial progress on all the major initiatives this community discussed as it endorsed the City of Sandy Springs.

We have passed a host of ordinances, ranging from administrative procedures to licensing of businesses to alcoholic consumption regulation to animal control.

The first order of business has been largely accomplished: to put the legal structure in place that governs all the activities in our city.

The City Council and I are united in identifying the immediate top priorities for our City: more police protection and apartment inspections. Our new police chief is organizing our own police department, which will take over July 1st. The numbers of officers on the streets will increase, and the quality of those officers will be unsurpassed.

Our code enforcement staff has begun a systematic inspection program to make sure that apartment complexes adhere to the standards of the building codes. This will gradually lead to needed improvements of dilapidated properties, or, failing that, to redevelopment for new uses. We are actively promoting redevelopment of the Roswell Road corridor and are encouraged with news of impending new projects.

We initiated our process to involve the total community by scheduling our first open seminar on Planning, Zoning and Land Use on February 11th at City Hall. We appreciate the suggestions from many stakeholders on various issues and value the participation of the entire community in making Sandy Springs Georgia's best city!

Regards,



Eva Galambos, Mayor
City of Sandy Springs



Four Proclamations Issued

The Mayor and City Council have issued four proclamations since the City has been incorporated. Following is a brief description of each of those:

"Martin Luther King, Jr." The City of Sandy Springs proclaimed Monday, January 16, 2006, to be a day to honor, remember and rededicate ourselves to the commitments, ideals and life witness of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Firefighters' Recognition Day" The City of Sandy Springs joined the State of Georgia in honoring our firefighters, the men and women who provide an invaluable service to all citizens—February 7, 2006.

"Arbor Day" The Mayor and City Council proclaimed February 17, 2006, as Arbor Day in the City of Sandy Springs, urging all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

"Wireless Courtesy" The Mayor and City Council resolved to support and promote wireless courtesy for callers and bystanders, urging citizens to be courteous when using phones while driving, dining and while out in public.

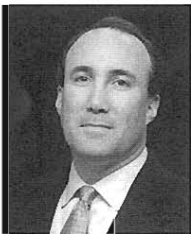
meet the **Mayor & Council**



Mayor

Eva Galambos has been involved with the Sandy Springs incorporation effort for decades, living here for nearly 50

years. She is the founder and longtime president of the Committee for Sandy Springs; a co-founder of Sandy Springs Revitalization; a co-founder of Sandy Springs Clean and Beautiful; chairwoman of the services committee for the Sandy Springs Council of Neighborhoods; former chairwoman of the Fulton County Public Housing Authority; and founder of Sandy Springs Civic Roundtable. Galambos is a retired economist specializing in urban finance and labor economics. She also has served as a labor arbitrator and has consulted with several Georgia cities and counties on financial planning issues. Galambos holds a PhD in economics from the Georgia State University, a master's degree in labor and industrial relations from the University of Illinois and a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Georgia.



District 1

Dave Greenspan is the executive vice president and chief financial officer for Exchange BLVD, an e-commerce

auction provider. He has held positions with Atlanta Olympic Broadcasting, Turner Media Consultants and the PGA TOUR Radio Network. He served as the treasurer of Committee for Sandy Springs referendum campaign. He is a member of Fulton County Republican Party, North Fulton Young Republicans, Republican Jewish Coalition and the Fulton County Taxpayers Association. He has been a delegate to several state and county Republican conventions. Greenspan earned a BS in accounting and business administration from Troy University.



District 2

Dianne Fries is a native of Fulton County and has lived and worked in Sandy Springs for nearly 40 years. She is a

member of the Huntcliff Homeowners Association, and she has represented the voters of Sandy Springs as a convention delegate with the Fulton County Republican Party. Her past involvements in the Sandy Springs community include being a substitute teacher and helping to found, and then head, the Booster Club for Holy Innocents' Episcopal School.



District 3

Rusty Paul is a past chairman of the Georgia GOP and a former Georgia state senator with more than 30 years

of experience in Georgia politics. He has a BS in journalism/English from Samford University and did graduate studies in political science at Georgia State University. Paul has more than 20 years experience in communications and served as assistant secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations for the Housing and Urban Development Department for Secretary Jack Kemp.

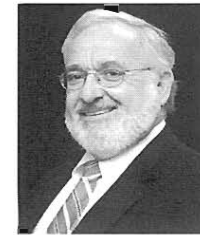


District 4

Ashley Jenkins is currently a stay-at-home mom and part-time real estate attorney. She is a former assistant

district attorney for Durham, N.C., and Charlotte, N.C., and she specialized in child abuse and domestic violence cases. She served on the US Senate Judiciary Committee staff for Senator Orin Hatch, chairman, and as a legislative assistant for crime issues,

terrorism bill, juvenile justice programs and FBI, DEA and Customs budgets. She founded the Spalding Woods Neighborhood Crime Watch, is active with the Spalding Woods Homeowners Association and served on the Sandy Springs Transition Police Task Force. She has a BA in criminal justice from the University of Georgia and a JD from George Mason School of Law.



District 5

Tiberio "Tibby" DeJulio has worked for nearly 20 years to help create the city of Sandy Springs, serving

recently as the vice chair for the Committee for Sandy Springs. He chairs the city transitional Finance Task Force, setting up financial structures. DeJulio is a certified financial planner and holds an undergraduate degree and a MBA in finance from Stetson University. In 1987, he joined the High Point Civic Association and still serves on the board today.



District 6

Karen Meinen McEnery has been a member of the Committee for Sandy Springs, supporting the

incorporation effort, and has served on the negotiating committee of the Governor's Commission on Sandy Springs. Meinen McEnery is the Cherokee Park Civic Association president. She is a past president of the John Ripley Forbes Big Trees Forest Preserve and served on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan review for Sandy Springs, called Focus Fulton 2025. She has a master's degree in real estate and labor affairs from Georgia State University and a BA in history and political science from Southern Methodist University.

Recreation & Parks: More Than Fun

Recreation & Parks is responsible for maintaining parks and providing recreation programming in Sandy Springs. At press time, there are a total of eight parks and green space areas within Sandy Springs, three of which provide recreational facilities.

Programs are administered by the City of Sandy Springs.

Recreational Facilities

Hammond Park

705 Hammond Drive at Glenridge
404.252.6310

Morgan Falls Park Sandy Springs

Youth Sports
450 Morgan Falls Road

North Fulton Tennis Center

500 Abernathy Road
404.303.6182

Parks and Green Space

Abernathy Park

254 Johnson Ferry Road
404.303.6172

Allen Park

5900 Lake Forest Drive
at Allen Road

Big Trees Forest Preserve

7645 Roswell Road

Ridgeview Park

5200 South Trimble Road
next to Ridgeview Middle School

Sandy Springs Historic Site and Park

6075 Sandy Springs Circle
404.851.9111



Public Works: Keeping our Roadways Safe

The Public Works Department is responsible for the street transportation system, which includes road and right of way maintenance, traffic engineering, transportation planning and capital improvement implementation. Public Works and City Operations work together to coordinate solid waste management, including recycling and private waste haulers. To ensure prompt response to reports from residents, the public works department has a Citizen Response Coordinator whose responsibility it is to administer all citizen responders in this area. To reach Public Works, simply call 770-730-5600.

Community Development: At Work for You

The Department of Community Development is responsible for working with the citizens of Sandy Springs. Its scope includes working with the development community, the Planning Commission boards and the elected officials. It manages current and long-range planning, permitting, inspections, code enforcement and other activities in support of the City's vision, mission and goals.

The Department is responsible for providing comprehensive land-use and environmental planning, zoning and permitting services,

development review and enforcement of building, zoning, development and environmental codes. The Department accomplishes these tasks through its three divisions:

- Building & Development
- Planning & Zoning
- Code Enforcement

Hours of operation are 8:30 - 5:00.

Please check www.sandyspringsga.org for complete information relating to your needs.



Find Ordinances on Web

All ordinances passed by the Mayor and City Council are posted on the City's Web site, www.sandyspringsga.org. Simply click on "City Government" from the home page, and there you will see "Adopted Ordinances." That link will take you to the complete listing.

City Council Information

City Council meetings take place in the City Hall offices at Morgan Falls Office Park, unless otherwise noted. The office park is located one mile south of Northridge Road and about one half-mile west of GA-400. Enter the parking lot from the north entrance. Building 500 is in the back of the office park.

Morgan Falls Office Park
7840 Roswell Road, Building 500
Sandy Springs, GA 30350
770-730-5600

Meetings take place on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., unless a special meeting is called. The public is encouraged to attend. Work sessions occur on the Thursday prior to Council meetings at 6:00 p.m. and are also open to the public. These are held at City Hall as well.

Agendas and meeting notices are posted on the Web site, www.sandyspringsga.org.

Sandy Springs Facts & Figures

Following are some interesting facts and figures about our great new City:

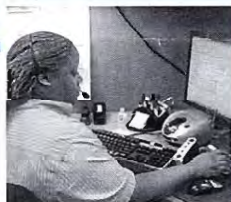
- There are 87,000 citizens living in Sandy Springs. It is the seventh largest city in the state of Georgia.
- It is the second largest city in metro Atlanta.
- Sandy Springs covers a 37-square-mile area.
- There are 314 miles of streets and roads and 15 bridges.
- Four major hospitals call Sandy Springs home, as do three Fortune 500 headquarters.
- There are three MARTA rail stations in the City and countless bus stops.
- Sandy Springs boasts some of the most desirable commercial/office properties in the nation.
- More than half of the residents have college degrees and consider themselves very involved citizens.
- In the year 2000, the per capita income was \$45,500 and the median home value was just over \$345,000.
- Sandy Springs is served by Fulton County School System, and citizens can access five elementary schools, two middle schools and two high schools. There are more than 8,100 students in our schools.
- There are a total of eight parks and green space areas within Sandy Springs, three of which provide recreational facilities.
- There are 16 miles of shoreline for the Chattahoochee River, part of the National Parks Service, in the city of Sandy Springs. President Jimmy Carter declared the Chattahoochee one of the most beautiful places in our country.
- Public recreation facilities account for 278 acres of Sandy Springs' land use.
- Sandy Springs is home to the Dorothy C. Benson Senior Multipurpose Complex, the largest senior day center in the nation.

meet the Staff

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 Al Crace, Assistant City Manager, 770-730-1782

Don Howell, Operations Director, 770-730-1760
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 Buddy Reneau, Public Works Director, 770-206-2520

All numbers will change once the Transition Office consolidates to City Hall this spring. Save this for now, but as soon as the new numbers are available, they will be published as well as posted on our Web site.



How the Call Center Works . . . Answering the Call—770-730-5600

Providing services to citizens is of utmost importance. Our Call Center answers calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our operators respond to calls from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., Monday – Friday, and an answering service answers calls from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. We are proud to provide a single point of contact in an efficient manner for the citizens of Sandy Springs.

In the three months the Call Center has been operational, call volume has doubled. Behind general calls to the receptionist, Public Works, Permits, Building and Development and Planning and Zoning have received the most calls (in that order).

Here's how the center works:

- A call comes in for an inquiry, service request, incident report or to contact a city employee.
- It is either transferred or the information concerning the inquiry, service request or incident report is taken.

- The operator does a transfer to the appropriate team member. He or she also transfers the documentation along with the call.
- The operator takes the call and assigns the issue to the appropriate staff.
- The staff (Public Works Contractors/Code Enforcement Officers) completes service.
- The request is updated.
- The operator contacts the citizen for follow up.

"We want to be responsive and efficient," says City Manager, John McDonough. "It's our goal to get the citizens of Sandy Springs the information they want, when they want it and how they want it. It's also crucial that we have this number so we can respond to non-emergency, but important issues, such as traffic lights being out, as they arise."

Calling All Volunteers!

If you'd like to volunteer to help in your community—the new City of Sandy Springs—we need you. Projects range from painting to planting flowers to pressure washing playground equipment to helping at tennis tournaments. The opportunities are countless. For more information or to sign up, please contact Linda Blow at 770-730-5606 or linda.blow@sandyspringsga.org.